

# Starkville in Motion

Minutes from May 8, 2006 meeting

Guest: Dr. Barry Hunt

## Presentation:

Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles in Starkville  
Created by Carol Ball & Amy Whitley

Interesting statistic:

- Comparison of how many children walked or biked to school 30 years ago versus today. 70% vs. 17%

Presentation will be available on the Starkville in Motion website and slides may be used for future SIM presentations.

## General SIM news:

- Current membership: 81
- \$389.00 in Account
- 1 new member in 2006 (+1 tonight)
- Only 7 people have renewed since 2005!
- Devon needs to send out an email devoted solely to membership renewal – it needs to be attention grabbing. Attach a membership form to the email.
  
- Rock Crusher Classic – mountain bike race
  - o May 21

## Committee Progress Reports:

### Safe Routes to School

- 2 active members leaving – need volunteers to help keep the project going!
- Mapping student homes – waiting on reformatted data from school district
- 5 year project – reapply for funding each year (~\$100,000/year)
  - May require 5-year conceptual plan upfront
  - For K-9 schools
- No in-kind match required from City of Starkville

### Lynn Lane

- Route change

- Now through McKee Park ending at railroad - instead of connecting to Industrial Rd.
- Route change makes the project a little cheaper
- ☐ University officials meeting on 5/9 to discuss campus portion of the plan
- ☐ Randall McMillen – consider concrete donations from businesses on industrial park rd.
  - Decision was made to hold off on making contacts until further notice
- ☐ Lynn Lane proposal document:
  - ~15 pages
  - Conceptual plan
  - Route plan
  - Construction drawings
  - Narrative
  - Budget

### **Bike Rack Committee**

- ☐ Bike rack installed at the Starkville Public Library
  - Donated by Golden Triangle Sierra Club in honor of Hugh and Betty Ector.
  - Working on getting a plaque now.
  - Harry Bell contributed material and equipment at no charge to help install the bike rack. We should send him a thank you note for his support

### **Rails to Trails**

Nothing to report

### **Education and Outreach**

- ☐ Devon attended Breakfast Exchange Club to inform them of SIM's goals and purposes. The Exchange Club is very supportive and some may join us for Bike to Work Day.
- ☐ Bike to Work Day – May 19
  - Start at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church at 7:30 AM
  - End at MSU's Colvard Student Union
  - Invite 2 friends to ride with you
  - Wear your SIM t-shirt and a helmet
  - Bring extra helmets
  - Coffee will be provided by City Bagel
- ☐ SIM Pot Luck dinner at Kathy Jacob's house [539 Overstreet Dr.] that evening at 6:30 PM

### **Sidewalks**

After meeting with the parks commission, concrete repairs have been made to the sidewalks in McKee Park. SIM can use this for a photo opportunity.